

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

FRANCISCO AREIAS, Individually and  
as Successor-In-Interest to the Estate of  
Lucia Areias, BOBBY AREIAS, and  
HELDER AREIAS,

Plaintiffs,

v.  
LOWES HOME CENTERS, LLC,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:24-cv-00391-KES-HBK  
ORDER GRANTING CONSTRUED  
MOTION TO EXTEND CASE  
MANAGEMENT AND  
SCHEDULING ORDER

(Doc. No. 16)

On January 10, 2025, the parties filed an Amended Joint Mid-Discovery Status Report. (Doc. No. 16). Therein, the parties provide a status on the case and include a request to extend certain deadlines in the July 11, 2024 Case Management and Scheduling Order. The Court finds good cause to grant an extension to certain deadlines in the Case Management Scheduling Order. Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4). The extension to the dispositive deadline date necessitates extensions to the pretrial and trial dates consistent with the district court's scheduling preferences.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED**:

1. The Parties' motion to extend certain case management and scheduling deadlines incorporated in their Amended Joint-Discovery Status Report (Doc. No. 16) is GRANTED to the extent set forth herein.
2. The following dates shall govern the management of this action.

1       **I. Extended Deadlines and Dates<sup>1</sup>**

Action or Event	Date
Deadline to complete non-expert discovery. <i>See Fed. R. Civ. P. 37.</i>	04/11/2025
Deadline for plaintiff to disclose expert report(s). <i>See Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2).</i>	05/12/2025
Deadline for defendants to disclose expert report(s).	05/12/2025
Deadline for disclosing any expert rebuttal report(s).	06/11/2025
Deadline for expert discovery.	07/14/2025
Deadline to advise the Court of settlement, ADR, VDRP or mediation efforts to date. <i>See Local Rules 270, 271. The parties may contact Chambers prior to this date to arrange a settlement conference.</i>	07/28/2025
Deadline to file pre-trial dispositive motions. <i>See Fed. R. Civ. P. 56.</i>	08/26/2025
Deadline to file final joint pretrial statement, motion(s) <i>in limine</i> , proposed jury instructions, and verdict form. <i>See Local Rules 281, 282.</i>	12/15/2025
Date of the final pretrial conference. <i>See Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(e); See Local Rule 280, 281, 282, 283. (Second or Fourth Monday) (Judge Sheriff requires 16 weeks from dispositive motion filing date)</i>	12/22/2025 at 1:30 p.m.
Trial Date. (Tuesday)	02/17/2026 at 8:30 a.m.

- 20       3. The **procedures** set forth in the July 11, 2024 Case Management and Scheduling  
 21       Order (Doc. No. 11) will continue to govern this action.  
 22       4. The Court VACATES the Mid-Discovery Conference scheduled for January 16, 2025.

24       Dated: January 10, 2025

  
 HELENA M. BARCH-KUCHTA  
 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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<sup>1</sup> The Court adjusted the parties' proposed dates to conform to the next business day if the proposed date  
 28       fell on a weekend or on a non-court business day.